

House Study Bill 531

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to high school equivalency diplomas as issued by
2 the department of education.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 259A.1, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 259A.1 TESTS.
1 4 The department of education shall cause to be made
1 5 available for qualified individuals a high school equivalency
1 6 diploma. The diploma shall be issued on the basis of
1 7 satisfactory competence as shown by tests covering all of the
1 8 following: ~~reading, arts language arts=reading~~, language
1 9 ~~arts, writing arts=writing~~, mathematics, science, and social
1 10 studies.
1 11 Sec. 2. Section 259A.3, Code 2007, is amended to read as
1 12 follows:
1 13 259A.3 NOTICE AND FEE.
1 14 Any applicant who has achieved the minimum passing
1 15 standards as established by the department of education, and
1 16 approved by the state board of education, shall be issued a
1 17 high school equivalency diploma by the department upon payment
1 18 of ~~an additional five dollars~~ a fee as determined by rule by
1 19 the department. The fee shall not exceed the actual cost of
1 20 production of the diploma and generation of the transcript.

1 21 EXPLANATION
1 22 This bill adjusts the high school equivalency course titles
1 23 in the Code to match federal course titles. The bill also
1 24 allows the department of education to set the fee by
1 25 administrative rule for those receiving a high school
1 26 equivalency diploma at a rate that does not exceed the cost of
1 27 producing the diploma and generating the transcript.
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